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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Johnny Guess, 25, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Guess** admitted that he participated in a conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Nov. 15, 2004.

Under federal law, **Guess** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

Guess was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 14, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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